

Evangelism Training – Introduction - by Aubrey Schucklebieer

Summary:

The document is a transcript of a speech or sermon focused on evangelism, delivered in a Christian context. The speaker expresses gratitude for God's presence and the opportunity to share the Gospel, emphasizing its importance and practical application. Here's a summary of the key points:

1. Introduction and Context:

- The speaker begins with a prayer, thanking Jesus for His presence and the privilege of sharing the Gospel.
- The original speaker, Josiah, was delayed due to logistical issues, so the current speaker takes on the "super spiritual" part of the evangelism training, which they typically don't deliver.

2. What is the Gospel?:

- The Gospel is defined as the birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, with each element's significance explained:
 - Birth: Jesus' virgin birth, fully God and fully man.
 - Life: His perfect, sinless life, which humanity could not achieve.
 - Death: Jesus took the punishment for humanity's sins.
 - Burial: He was buried like any man, descending to hell to defeat the devil.
 - Resurrection: He rose, proving victory over death and offering a relationship with humanity.
- The term "Gospel" comes from the Old English "Godspell" and Greek "evangelion," meaning good news, historically used to proclaim victory or a new king. In Christianity, it signifies Jesus' victory over death and His reign.

3. Why Share the Gospel?:

- The Gospel is the core message of Christianity, as seen in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, where Paul emphasizes Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.
- It's the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16), effective in its simplicity without needing embellishment.
- The speaker shares a story of a child using a simple Gospel card to move a tough-looking man to tears, illustrating the Gospel's inherent power.

4. Who We Are in Evangelism:

- Witness, Not Preacher: Believers are called to be witnesses (Acts 1:8), sharing what they've seen and experienced with Jesus, not preaching aggressively. The Holy Spirit provides boldness, regardless of personality or education (Acts 4:13).
- Sower, Not Soul-Winner: Evangelists sow seeds of the Gospel, not necessarily winning souls. God brings the increase (Matthew 13:3-9). Success is in planting the seed, not forcing conversions.

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- Child of God: The most important identity is being a son or daughter of God (Genesis 1:27, Galatians 4:7, Ephesians 1:5). Evangelism flows from this identity, sharing about a loving Father out of dependence on Him, not duty.

5. Practical Insights:

- Evangelism requires stepping out in faith, trusting the Holy Spirit for words and boldness.
- Sharing one's testimony (life before and after Jesus) is powerful and irrefutable.
- Evangelists should scatter seeds everywhere, not selectively, as God ordains encounters.
- Avoid pushing people to convert, as it can create bitterness. Respect resistance and trust God to work over time.

6. Son vs. Orphan Mindset:

- The speaker contrasts an "orphan" mindset (seeking to earn God's favor, motivated by duty) with a "son" mindset (resting in God's love, motivated by gratitude and relationship).
- As sons/daughters, believers evangelize from a place of rest and dependence, not striving, trusting God for outcomes.

7. Conclusion:

- The session ends with a promise to cover practical steps for evangelism (approaching people, what to say) after a short break.
- The speaker emphasizes that evangelism is about pleasing God and easing His heart for the lost, rooted in love and obedience as His children.

The document underscores the simplicity and power of the Gospel, the importance of identity in Christ, and the call for all believers to share the good news with boldness and love.

Message:

Jesus. We just thank you, Lord, for being in this room right now with us. We thank you, Lord, for, for the, for the cross God and for the blood that draws us near to you. Jesus. We just give you all the praise and all the honor and all the glory. We thank you, Lord for the privilege and honor that it is God, to declare your cross Lord, to declare your resurrection, God unto others. And just pray, Lord, that today the seed of your word Lord, would grow deep in our hearts, in our lives. And we just thank you Jesus, the name of Jesus. Amen.

So today, the style was supposed to be here, but unfortunately the flyers that we were having made for, uh, Deanna took longer than expected. And, uh, they said that they were gonna be ready in the afternoon instead of the morning. So he had to book the flight. That was the earliest, and it was getting here at 1230 today. So, uh, he will be here later tonight at the worship night. But, um, for this, so praise God. Praise God, though. Praise God. No, I always, I always joke with Josiah, um, I always, uh, say that when we do the evangelism trainings, we always do it together. I always joke that the first part is the super spiritual part, and he gets to do that part. And I always get to do the super practical part. So

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I'm really excited to do the super spiritual part, um, because I typically don't get to do it, but I have in the past, but typically not.

Um, so yeah, today we're gonna talk about, uh, just evangelism and it's control, like practical. What, what does the Bible say about it? How do we do it? And what does that really look like? Um, a lot of people, they have a desire to go and evangelize, but they don't know how. Um, I know that for myself, um, I, well, I didn't have a desire for, for a while because I was like, talk to people. Like, absolutely not. Like I have no desire to do that. There wasn't even a desire in my heart. Um, I wanted to see lost people saved, but I was like, I'll pray for him. 'cause the Lord said, pray that the laborers would be sent. But then I didn't realize that the verse right after that, he says, pray to the Lord the heart. I said, the laborers would be sent, and the verse right after it says, go, I'll send you on your way, <laugh>. And so, and that verse really wrecked my heart, and that's really how I started doing evangelism was, uh, I was in ministry school and they made us do it. That's how I started, really, was being forced. But, um, it was really when my heart, um, really got into it was when I read that, that verse and the

Lord wrecked my heart, That, um, he actually Does say pray, But he also says to go, and that it's a call for all the believers, um, regardless of our personality. That's what I would blame it on. I don't have a personality for that. Uh, I'm an, the Lord made me an introvert. He made me like this. But I mean, sure,

He makes her personality in, in this way, but That's why he says that

The Holy Spirit feels us with Boldness to be a witness. Amen. So it's really not our personality doing it anyways. It's all him and it's all the Holy Spirit. And so, yeah, that's what we're gonna talk about today.

So first we're gonna talk about, um, Just what is the Gospel? Hello? Do you speak, uh, English or Spanish?

Um, English. Spanish Are are you good with English or do we need A Spanish translation? Yes, we're good with

English. Perfect. You didn't, you didn't miss anything. We're just getting started.

So, so we're just gonna start out, what is the Gospel? Typically, if you

Set out 10 people in A line and you all ask them what The gospel is, you're gonna get probably nine different answers. Um, and that's the important thing in the church is it's not super clear today of what really is

The gospel. And so we're just break It down super, super simply.

So the gospel Is the birth, The life, What is it? Um, the second part

Is, yeah, the second part is On The screen. The first part's not so the gospel, we break it down super centrally.

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It is the birth, the life, the death, the burial, and the resurrection. So let's repeat that together, because

I just wanna get this engraved In our minds. Um, and I know it's engraved

In mind. Anytime Someone asks, first student comes my mind, first life, death, resurrect, resurrection. So let's just say the birth,

The life, the death, The burial and the resurrection. Yeah, the, the burials. We include it, but it's not necessarily accurately necessary to say he was buried for three days. Uh, but as long as you include the death and the resurrection and the life, we're good. Praise God.

So when you tell people that, when you tell people the gospel, the birth, the life,

The death, the burial, and the resurrection, you don't just say, I, and this is a disclaimer because, uh, we've had people do this. You

Know how this is typically a rule because someone's done it. Uh, this, it, that's why we

Say this. We don't, we don't disrupt to someone and say the birth, life,

Death barrier, resurrection of Jesus. We have To actually explain it in

Its significance. So The significance of the birth, that it was a virgin birth,

Um, that Jesus was a hundred percent man and a hundred percent God, uh, the life that he lived, the perfect life that we could not live, um, the, the death that he died, the death that we deserved. He took our punishment of sin and in the burial that he was buried just like every other man. Uh, and he went to hell, defeated of the devil, and took the keys back and in the resurrection and, uh, that he's alive today wanting a relationship with us. So we have to share the birth, life, death, burial, resurrection, and each of its significance, um, to really explain what Jesus has done for us to give people an invitation in that way, that is the gospel. So the gospel in the Bible originates from an old English word called Gods spell. Gods spell, uh, is also, uh, the term for evangelion in the Greek.

Uh, it means to bring good news back. Uh, it was especially used when people in the Bible times were in a battle and they won a victory. They would send a messenger back to the town to declare that there was a new king on the throne. That the, that the battle has been won. That's what the gospel was used as. And that's why we use it today, that there is a new king on the throne, and his name is Jesus. That's why we call it the gospel. It was also called baar, which is the Hebrew word for it, which means to publish or proclaim the royal good news. It was the same word used in one Samuel when, uh, David defeated Goliath. It's the same exact word that, um, he defeated Goliath and there was now a new king on the throne, um, and that the battle has been won.

Oh, so the gospel is the arrival of a new kingdom that Jesus won victory over the devil, and that he defeated death, hell in the grace with his resurrection, and now there's a new king upon the throne named Jesus. So when we proclaim salvation, we don't just proclaim that it is a get out of jail free card.

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We don't just proclaim it like that because it's not God's ultimate goal for to get us out of hell and into heaven. His ultimate goal is for to get heaven into us, to have the Holy Spirit live, live in us. And so we can have constant communion with Jesus. That's what we proclaim salvation as. Yes, it is, uh, to get out of hell and to get to heaven, but the whole reason is to spend eternity with Jesus forever. So that's what we share. So let's break down the gospel again.

It's the birth, the life, the death, the burial, and the resurrection. I wanna get that engraved in our minds so that, you know, when we share it, we don't forget anything. I've, uh, you know, I've been to, um, I don't know if any of you heard the ministry, Christ for Nations. That's where we get, um, this tree from us as they trained us. But I've been to their trainings and even, you know, the most qualified evangelists that we would say, they sometimes forget parts of it, like the resurrection, because we get so focused on the death of Jesus that we forget, oh yeah, he's alive today, and what's a relationship with you? So we have to remember to, uh, to include every single part of it, the birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection in each of his significance. Yes. So why do we preach this?

It's simply because one Corinthians and 15 three, we preach it just like Paul did. Paul breaks it down for us there. He says, for I delivered to you first of all, that which I also received, that Christ died for our sin according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the scriptures that he breaks it down on for us. That it's the birth life, death, very own resurrection. This was the gospel to Paul. It's the gospel to us, and it's, um, the gospel to all of mankind. This is what we share. This is our one message Christ and Christ crucified. That's what Paul said. Yes. Which, which first message? Um, it's first Corinthians 15, 3, 3.

So this is our one message. Paul said, I preach Jesus or Christ and Christ crucified. That's what we preach. That's, that's, that's it. We don't preach any religion. A lot of the church likes to do that today. And, and although there are certain traditions that are important, and it's amazing, but we just preach Jesus and that's it. So, and the gospel works. A lot of people, you know, think they ach need to add their charisma. They need to add something to it to make it sound pretty. But the gospel in its simplicity, it works. And it pierces the hearts of men In, uh, Romans one 16, Paul says, for I'm not ashamed of the gospel for this, the power of God unto salvation for all that belief. So I want you to notice that it, he says, it's the power of God, not the power of us, not the power of our words, but it's the power of God unto salvation. So the gospel and its simplicity works, and that is the power of God. So we don't need to add to it or take away, it cuts to the heart. We see that in Acts 2 37, um, Peter and I think it's Paul. I have it down here

Somewhere. Yeah. Acts 2 37. It says that when they preached, they, they, the people were cut to the heart. So that's what the gospel does. We don't need to add to it. There's a, a testimony just to, to show you that it really does work. Um, there was a child, there's these, um, I'm gonna show you actually at the end of the training, there's a simple like gospel. It looks like a, a picture of a, of a Jesus knocking on the door of a heart. And it's just on the back of the card. It has the gospel in very simple terms. And, um, there was a child, he took this card and he went to this really grown looking guy. Like he looks very, very, uh, very muscular, very like, kind, intimidating. Um, and he went to him and he just read this card out to him. Rasha was probably eight years old, and he just read the card, the back of it, and just saying, Jesus came from heaven to earth with the perfect and sinless life died. The death that he deserve is now alive today, knocked on the door of your heart and gives him an invitation of, and this

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romance starts to weep under the power of God, because that's the gospel. The gospel is the power of God. It cuts to the heart. That's all you need. Don't need to add anything to it.

God was the one that created the gospel. So if he created it and he said it was perfect, there's nothing else you need to add to it. He was actually the first one that ever preached the gospel in Genesis three when he tells the serpent that there's one that's coming that, um, well, Bruce, uh, that he, you'll bruise his heel, but he will crush your head. That was the first time the gospel was really ever foreshadowed and preached, and it was preached by God himself. So there's nothing else we need to add to it. So let's just quickly, uh, start with the gospel again. It's the birth, the life, the death, the burial, and the resurrection. Yes. Amen. So now we're gonna go into, um, really we have to understand who we are in order to preach the gospel. And there's three different things that, that we need to understand.

They're not in order of importance at all. Actually, the last one that I'm gonna share is actually the most important. Um, but the first one is that you are a witness, not a preacher. So Acts one A says, Jesus, this is the last thing that he tells. Well, the last thing that he tells the disciples before he leaves Earth is the great commission to go out, um, and make disciples. But also he says, um, wait for, there's one that's coming. Uh, and he says, but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem and Aida and Samara into the end of the earth.

So, so he gives us power not to. The Holy Spirit is amazing. He gives us different gifts. Um, the gift of tongues and the prophecy, the, uh, um, words of knowledge, words of wisdom. And, but he actually says, the main reason that I'm giving you the Holy Spirit to baptize of the Holy Spirit is for power to be a witness. I I grew up in, um, in traditional Pentecostal church and they put a lot of emphasis on the gifts, but I never saw anyone evangelize. And so when I read that verse, um, for the, I mean, I had read it before, but it never really, uh, hit me. But I, when I read that verse and realized, wow, no, the Holy Spirit's actually for us, yes, it's for the gifts and it's, they're amazing, but they're actually for, uh, to be a power, to be a witness.

And so that's what we need to understand is that it's not us doing it. It's the Holy Spirit. And he'll give us the boldness. We have to step out in faith. Yes. It's not just gonna automatically become a hundred percent confident. I dunno, that we ever do. Uh, I, so I do evangelism all the time now, and I still am like, ah, I really, really kind of don't wanna do it. Like I'm kind of nervous. Like, but that's of the Holy Spirit. You pray and just say, holy Spirit could be boldens. 'cause he will. And that's what he's there for. And you just have to step out in faith. It's just like in Joshua, when the Israelites were going to the promised Lane, they had to cross the Jordan. The Jordan didn't ever part until they stepped into the water. When they stepped into the water, the Jordan parted.

So it's by faith, and he gives us boldness and to be a witness. And then in first John, I love this picture and I think it, uh, really, uh, summarizes evangelism for us. First John one, uh, one, one through three. It says that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled concerning the word of life. The life was manifested. And we have seen and bear witness and declared to you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us. That which we have seen and heard, we declare to you that you also may have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his son Jesus.

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So they're saying that what we've seen, that what we've heard, that what we've experienced, we declare to you.

That's all we're doing. A witness just simply says what they see and what they've experienced. That's all a witness is they're not a preacher. They're not, um, coming to, uh, I've seen people, uh, you know, I don't know if it's like this in Aruba, it might be, but in America, there's lots of people who, um, who will go on the street corners and say, turn or burn <laugh>. Okay? And that's not how we, that's not how we do it. We just reach the gospel that yes, we are sinners and we all fall offshore, but now we have life in Christ Jesus. And that's all we declare. We're not a preacher, we're just a witness of what we experience. What do you mean with Turner and burn? Oh, okay. So in America, okay, I'm glad you asked. I didn't know if that was a thing here. So in America, a lot of 'em will say, you know, they'll just say, turn, burn.

And it's simply just a saying, saying either turn from your sin or you're gonna Birmingham, which is true, but <laugh>, that's not what we declare. That's not why we declare, say, turn from your sin and you can have a relationship. Jesus. That's the whole purpose of it, if that makes sense. Yeah. You never heard that. I, that's America for you. I guess not everyone, but a lot of people. Um, and so then, and then also in John, John one, John the Baptist, uh, his life is just the epitome of what an evangelist or just not an evangelist of believer of life should look like as a witness, um, unto others. It says in John one, seven through eight that it says, this man came for a witness to bear witness of the light. That all through him might believe he was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That's simply all we're doing is sent to bear witness of what we've encountered with Jesus.

And then also, I do wanna know, um, in Acts one, eight where it says, he says, he calls us to be power, he says, to be my witnesses. And it says to witness unto me. And so yes, you're witnessing unto others, but ultimately it's all unto him and all through his story. And that's really the whole, the whole heart and the posture of evangelism is, yeah, it's because we love people, but ultimately because we love him and he's asked us to do it. And it pleases his heart to know that, um, also it pleases his heart that his lost children are being safe, and it's through our obedience that he, um, that he uses that.

So, and then Acts four 13 says, now, when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, they perceived they were uneducated and untrained men, and they marveled and realized that they had been with Jesus. So as a witness, you don't have to be a theologian, you don't have to be educated in the Bible. I know a lot of people that say, well, I don't know everything, so I'm kind of scared to go out. Like, because like, what if someone says something to me? The the Bible says that, you know, John and Peter were uneducated and untrained men, yet they still went with boldness. Because all you need is the gospel. There's nothing else you need to add to it. If people challenge you beyond that to say, okay, God bless you and walk away, that's it. Because the gospel, that's all you need. And that's simplicity. The gospel pierces the hearts of men.

And so, and then, uh, as a witness, you share your testimony. Your testimony is one thing that people cannot refute. People cannot say, no, that didn't happen to you. You say, no, Jesus did change my life. He transformed me, he encountered me. And when you share your testimony, you just simply say, this was my life before Jesus. This was my thoughts. This is how I felt. This is what um, happened to me. This is my behavior, um, uh, cycles of behavior, my sin, whatever you did, whatever it was, this is me

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before Jesus. And then you just share it. Now, this is me now. And you just simply say, you talk about your encounter with Jesus, how you felt when he encountered you, when he changed your heart. How, how, uh, what really happened in that moment when you gave your life to Jesus. So when you talk about your testimony, you're very, you need to be very clear of, this is my life before, and this is my life now.

'cause if you're not clear about your life before, they'll see, like, they'll be like, well, nothing really happened to you. You didn't really change. Why do I need Jesus? And then when you tell him, no, I was in a pit of depression and now I have more joy than ever before, you know, you, you very clear about the distinction. I was an addiction to drugs, but he set me free. And now I've been sober for however many years. And you know, it's, you just have to be very clear about the before and about the after when you shared your testimony.

Alright? Secondly, you, so when you are a witness, not a preacher, secondly, you are a sower. We sow seeds. We are not a soul winner. We are a sower. So God did not say to go win the soul. He just said, go preach the gospel. He said to go plant the seed. He didn't say to go and make sure they give their life to Jesus. He just said, go, just share the gospel and he'll do the rest. He actually says that one will plant the seed, one will water, and, but he will give the increase. So all we have to worry about is releasing the gospel. And he does the rest. If we're always trying to win the soul, we actually tend to make it a really about us. It comes, become, tends to become about the numbers. If we, we make it our heart posture to be like, now I'm gonna win this soul. It is, uh, we kind of make it about ourselves, but when we make it, I'm just gonna preach the gospel and let God do the rest. It's all about him. So we're gonna look at, so in the Bible times when he talks about, um, the parable of the silver in Matthew, I believe it's,

I have it written down, Matthew 13, three through nine is the parable of the silver. And it says,

Right, I guess I didn't have it pulled up my bad. 90 13 through through nine says, then he spoke many things to their parables. He's saying, behold, the sower went out to sow, and as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside. The birds came into devour them. Some don't. So many places where they did not have much earth, and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up, they were scorched. And when they had no root, they withered away. And some fell along thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell upon good ground and ruled a crop. Some a hundred fold, some 60, some 30. He, he who has here let him appear.

So when he's talking about the parable that either the sower, we have to understand that in biblical times when they sowed seeds, it wasn't like how we do today. Um, I know you can't really grow anything in Aruba can, right? It's not a desert. That's well, okay, well, when you often see when people, uh, sow seeds when they're at a farm, you see them in like straight lines. They have them very strategically placed. Um, but in the Bible times, they didn't do that. They actually scattered the seeds. They didn't just place them one by one by one. They just scattered seed.

When they showed season. This time, their version was much different than ours. Today we have very straight lines. But in Hebrew, agriculture was very different, different during these times, they would take the seed and throw it after a heavy rain onto the water on the field. They would scattered everywhere randomly. And once the rain dried up, they would take the plow and turn up the soft ground

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causing the seeds to go deep into the ground. So that's why when Dees talked about parallel too, the silver, he explains in that way because they understand that in biblical times that when they sow the seed onto the on water and they just scatter it everywhere, that some will go on good ground, but they don't really know where the good ground is. They're just scattering 'em. And in the same way, when we share the gospel, we don't know which ones are ready to receive and which ones aren't. We're just scattering in. And if they don't receive well, the word of God does not go void. That's what the Bible tells us. Okay? And, um, you might sow the seed in another mile of water later. So the important thing is just to scatter it. We're so, um, we're throwing seeds out to the water in the field. If a person doesn't receive what you tell them, then you, um, when you leave, you just simply ask God, Lord, send the plow, send someone, send the water. Um, and you send the increase.

And then when you sow the seed, when a farmer sows the seed, does he take his chair and go sit, um, and just watch the seed grow? No, he, he trusts that God will give the increase to he leaves. He goes to bed and trusts that that seed will grow because it's just what it's supposed to do. And in the same way, the gospel is powered. And when you sow a seed, God will take care of the rest. You don't have to be worried about what, what's gonna happen. You just trust that go will send the increase because that's what he said he would do.

So some when you sow a seed, and if someone doesn't receive Jesus, some will allow you to still continue to speak with them, even give their contact information. I've had people, uh, not too long ago, actually, two weeks ago, I was in, uh, the States in Georgia once eat out with some friends, and I talked to teenagers. I shared the gospel with them. And, uh, you know, after the gospel, one by one they started leaving. So it was down to one girl. And this girl was listening really intently. And, uh, you could tell that, you know, something was, was pieing her heart. It wasn't me, it was the gospel. I'll praise God. But, um, as I'm speaking to her, I'm sharing with her like, uh, it seems to me that you're probably, you know, living this life of sin and trying to fill that hole in your heart, but nothing ever sat, you always lived empty.

And she said, yeah, you're right. And I said, it's because God's written eternity on your heart and that only Jesus can can feel that. And she said, yeah, I think you're probably right. But she wasn't ready to give up everything yet. And that's the cost of following Jesus, is to leave everything and turn to him to leave all of your sin and turn to him. And although no, we won't be perfect, but it's choosing, um, not to live in cycles of sin in terms of him and give it all to him. And so as I'm explained that to her, she wasn't ready to do that. But the important thing was the seed was s planted. And you could tell that she was being wrecked by the gospel. I don't know what's happening now. I don't know if she went back. I told her to go back and, uh, and seek Jesus because he said, seek, and you'll find I see reveal himself.

And I said that he would, I don't know, I I didn't get a contact info. Um, but a lot of times sometimes they'll allow you to do that and, uh, you can still keep in contact with them. And over time, you'll actually be the one that waters the seed and you'll let continue to water it. Sometimes the world will use other people to water the seed, but sometimes it'll be used to use you to plant the seed and water it, and then you'll get to see the fruit of it. And it's always amazing when we get to see the fruit of our labor, but sometimes that doesn't happen. That's why we have to find our success in planning the seed, not in winning the soul, but success is planning the seed.

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So we don't choose where we sow. It's not just if we feel led. Um, I, when I went to ministry school, uh, and you know, a lot of people in the school, they tend to be super, uh, spiritual about everything. I guess it's amazing to be spiritual, but, uh, like oversized things and, uh, you know, not, I don't think it was me but <laugh>. I had friends who, who were like that. And we had gone out evangelism. I can listen to talk to that guy and he'd be like, I don't really feel led to, I'm gonna wait until the Lord tell us something. I'm like, what do you mean? The Lord already told us to, he, he told us to go preach the gospel. He didn't say, wait until you feel led to do that. He said, just go preach the gospel. There's another, um, evangelist that, uh, I listened to his teachings and uh, he was saying how, you know, when people say, oh, I'll just wait until I feel lead. He said, oh, this is just funny. But he said, go, go to the store. Go to the fishing department and get a piece of the lead and put it in your pocket, and then you'll always sell lead. And, uh, so like he was like, because that's, that's what we're supposed to do. Just go for each. We don't get to choose where we sow seeds. We just them everywhere.

So no matter who, no matter where, no matter which, no matter who, no matter if they look easy to talk to or if they look like they've got it all together, typically the ones that look like they have it all together are the ones that need it the most. And so we just scatter everywhere. So there's actually, uh, there was one time I was in, I gotta see this. It was right in front of me. Uh, it was really cool. But I was in a restaurant, um, with some other evangelists. Uh, and when we get done, me and my friend go and share the gospel with the lady at the register, and she doesn't receive Jesus then. But you can tell, you know, something was happening in the park and you could tell that, you know, something was budy. And well, immediately after that, the other guy behind us that we ate with the other evangelist didn't even know that we shared the gospel with him. He goes again and share it with him or with her, and she then receive Jesus. And so we got to Sena, like right then and there, right before our eyes, if the seed was planted, he watered, and then God gave the increase. And so this trust that he will do that, even if it looks like, man, they don't know why they were receiving anything. Well, who knows even how many years down the line, how many weeks, how many days, whatever that, um, when God will get that increase to that seed.

So we need to have the mentality that everyone I meet needs Jesus. So when we go up to someone, we, we might share that they might already be a Christian, praise God. But then we get to encourage them in their faith and pray with them and, um, talk with them about Jesus and build community with them. So there's always, uh, I always say that there's no such thing as a coincidence that God ordained that every one of our steps. He said he ordained the steps that they're righteous. And so whether you meet, um, someone and it doesn't want, like they're receiving anything or whether you meet someone and they kind of budge a little bit, but they didn't receive, or whether you meet already a Christian, it's all ordained by God and to find the success in the, at the fact that the seed is planted, and, uh, they maybe you do get to encourage them or not.

So if you define it by the win, um, if you define success by the win, then you'll quickly get discouraged. You'll eventually stop evangelizing if you define the success by the win. Because unfortunately, you know, I do evangelism quite often. You don't see, um, uh, a soul one every single time I go up and talk to someone. If I define it by the win, I would've stopped evangelizing a long time ago. I would've got really discouraged. But you define it by the success that the seed is planted and that go will eventually send the increase. So the success of the fact that the seed has planted, if you've sow the seed, you've done what God's asked you to do. God didn't say when soul, he said,

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planted the seed. So you will sow and you will dream. Sometimes you will get to see, um, see people get their <inaudible> and it's amazing.

So you'll sometimes sow and you will sometimes dream. You're called to do both, both wolves are equal in the kingdom of God. You know, we like to see sometimes that the soul or the, the role of reaping is higher than the role of sowing. But Jesus said to sow and reaping that, um, we called it a sow. So what I'm saying is, is that they're both equal in the kingdom of God. So don't compare yourself to maybe another that if we do evangelism and this person gotta see 10 people give their, and you only saw one, you're both equal in the kingdom of God. The fact that you, you went out and planted the seat and did what God asked. Yeah, God asked of you.

So a simple analogy, I want you to all imagine an after truth. So imagine an truth and that all of the, that apples are people. So when you share, go the gospel, God shakes the truth. So some apples will shake and budge a little, some apples will fall and you get to catch them. And some won't look like they budget all. But the whole point is, is we share in God's shapes. That's it. Evangelism in, in itself in a nutshell is, is letting God have full control of your life. It is because God will always lead you to share about him. The Holy Spirit enemy testifies of Jesus. And so the whole evangelism is letting him have full control. We, our words do not shake the apples. Our charisma does not shake the apples. Um, how we say it does not shake the apples.

The, the gospel itself, the power of God, the Holy Spirit shakes the tree, shakes the apples, and all we do is just touch them. It's just our job to pick them up. We never pick an apple off the tree. What I mean by that is you never try to push someone to gone to Jesus. That's like the worst thing you can do for a person. When you pick an apple before it's ready, it's bitter, right? And you cause 'em to have, um, bitterness if you, if you push them more than they allow you to. Um, because some people I've experienced, you know, I share gospel with them or I'm in the middle of it and they seem kind of resistant, but they're still allowing me to share. And so I keep going. If they're still allowing me to share, keep going because the gospel has power.

You never know what will happen. Even some people will look like they're not receiving, but that's just what they look like. <laugh>. That's not bad. But, uh, some people just, um, don't necessarily have a very expressive face. So some people will look like they don't receive it at all and get kind of like, oh, maybe I should stop sharing. But if they're still allowing me to share, keep going, keep going. But if they're being resistant and asking me to stop, stop. You know, we, we go where God says go and we stop where God says stop. And if they but it, and so they're giving us, you know, the, the stop sign, like, hey, quit talking about Jesus. Then we stop. We, we always stop when there's resistance because we don't wanna ever wanna push someone in the arms of Jesus and cause bitterness in our heart. There's already too many people that do with church hurt. We don't need to add to it, right?

So, and then lastly, and like I said, this is the most important, um, thing that you are when you go share the gospel, is that we, yes, we are a witness and yes, we are sober, but we must understand first and foremost that we are a child of God, that we are a son, and that we're a daughter. And that this is ultimately from the place that we shared the God for you, it as a son or as a daughter of God, we are simply just telling people about our father. That's all it is. In Genesis 1 27, God says, so God created man in his own image, in the image of God, he created in known female.

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So God created us in his image. So we will never really know who we are until we know who He's because we were made in his image. So first and foremost, we must understand that we are a son or daughter of God. This is where we try find our true identity. In the Bible, we see people, um, where it says that you'll see that when they mention a name, they mention like James son, Liberty. They were identified by their father. And in the same way we could say, I could say Rosanna daughter of daughter of God, or Aubrey daughter of God, or whatever your name is. This is how we are to introduce ourselves, not literally, but figuratively. You don't have to actually go to someone and say, hi, I'm Aubrey, daughter of God. I mean, that's amazing. You can but <laugh>, but not literally, but figuratively. That as it's, it's an above all our first priority. My first priority is that I'm a daughter of God. Yes, I'm a friend. Yes, I'm an evangelist. I'm a daughter of my parents. Or you might be a mom or a wife or a teacher, whatever your other titles might be. Above all, you are a daughter or a or a son.

And that, from that place, everything else in my life floats. So from that place, that's how I evangelize. I just evangelize about my dad, who takes care of me, and he changed my life. And that's all I'm telling people. Son shift, uh, as a son or daughter of God, ultimately it's just a really realizing this is really ultimately just a dependence upon God as a child is dependent upon their father. So we are upon God. So in a, in the sense of evangelism, we, we are just simply telling others about our Father. We, we depend on him for all of our needs. We depend on him to give us the words we trust that he will take care of us, that he will give us the words to say, the analogies to use whatever it might be to better explain to someone because he really will, he'll give you the scriptures to say, uh, he'll give you the words of knowledge for that person.

Um, whatever it might be, God will take care of it. And we can also trust as our Father that he will give the entrance to it. So knowing who you are in Christ, there's arresting in that evangelism can make us nervous. There's, uh, evangelism can make us intimidated, uh, to go out and just talk to someone random. Uh, it's, it sounds scary. Uh, I know for myself, I it still is to this day sometimes, like I'm like, I don't wanna do that. But, um, there's resting in the fact that I'm a son or a or daughter, and he would give the words to say, and the goal, it's literally just being dependent upon him. And he uses that. Um, he uses your obedience. So a child does not worry about tomorrow, but he's trust his father. There's no striving to make it happen. Um, it's a, it's simply a flow.

Like if you're in a river, you don't strive to go through the river, you just rest. And, and with Jesus as a son or a daughter, we just simply rest in him. There's no word. He takes care of us, and he gives us the words to say, he gives us the boldest to do it. He literally does it all through us. We just have to allow him to. At Jesus' baptism in Matthew 13, no three 13, uh, it says, when Jesus came from gallery to John, to Jordan to be baptized by him, and John tried to prevent him saying, I need to be baptized by you. Are you coming to me? Jesus answered and said, permitted to be so for thus fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness. And he allowed him. And I want you to know what happened. It says, when he, back when he had been baptized, he just came up immediately from the water and behold the heavens were open to him.

He saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and a lighting upon him. And suddenly a voice came through heaven saying, this is my beloved son and whom I'm well pleased, I want you to notice that before this is Jesus. When he got baptized, this is before he started ministry, before he ever did a

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miracle, um, before He ever we see that he really ever did anything, um, for God. God said, this is my son with whom I'm not pleased. So God's not pleased with us simply just because of our works, although he likes when we do these things, he, he loves, he loves our works, he loves our obedience, but he's just pleased that you're a son and daughter, Galatians four, seven says, therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son. And if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. So we are not a slave for him, we are a son or daughter. And in Ephesians one, five, it says, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ, for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, it is God's good pleasure to make you a son or daughter. So we have to understand that when we do evangelism, I, he delights enough simply because we're his son or daughter.

So we, we know Mary in the Bible and she's well known for sitting at the feet of Jesus, pour her oil on his feet. But she was also the first to testify of his resurrection. And I believe that these two are deeply connected because if when you get a obsession and in love with Jesus, you can't help but testify of him, that that is the result of a love for Jesus. I, when I was in ministry school, the, this quote kind of changed my life. There was a guy that was seeking, and he was talking about evangelism, and he said, A burning heart in love with Jesus will never have to be convinced to evangelize. He said, if you're in love with Jesus, you want others to know about him because you love people. But most importantly, leading people to Jesus will not merely be for your love for that person.

But it becomes about easing the broken hearted Jesus, about pleasing him as a son from love, not as a slave or employee. We see in the Bible, I believe it's in number 12, where, um, it's um, Miriam and Aaron find a fault against Moses and they bring it to, uh, to God and they present it to him. And God says, I, I speak with Moses face to face. Who are you to bring this to me? But you see, the important thing about, uh, I wanna note about this is Miriam and Aaron, they, they're righteous people. They, I, priest of God, they did things for him and God used it. But Moses, but Moses was different 'cause Moses was a friend of God. And there's a difference in being a slave or being an employee of God, I guess you could say. And in being a friend of God and from a friend or a son or a daughter, that's how we, that's what we share the gospel.

We share the gospel, yes, because we love people, but more importantly because he loves him and we know it pleases him and it eases his broken heart for the lost children in the world. So, um, when I went to, uh, Christ Nation and got, uh, training evangelism, they read us, uh, they gave us these group that, um, talked about the or mindset versus a son mindset. And I just wanna read a few of them because I think they're, they're really, uh, key in how we see ourselves and how we see evangelism. But um, the first one is on the image of God. An orphan sees God as their master, but a child of God sees God as their father and the motive for holiness, an orphan says they must be holy to have God's favor. But a son wants to be holy because they truly love God.

They know that sin separates them from God. So they don't want to do anything to have that separation with him. The motive behind Christian discipline, an orphan do, uh, do things out of a duty to earn God's favor or absolutely no motivation at all. And a son, his delight is in the Lord and enjoys resting with him, reading his word and delights in stepping off all pages. A son believes the gifts are earned or an orphan believes the gifts are earned. And a son believes they're given. An orphan is oriented by what they lack, always seeking people to lay hands on them. The next ministry connection, the next conference, the need to see a miracle, not just a want to see it, but a need, um, where the son is oriented

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by what they already possess, um, everything through Christ and that Jesus's eyes are on you and you have nothing to fear and signs will follow.

Um, they will not follow signs, but signs will follow them. An orphan seeks to impress others or to impress God or no motivation to serve at all. But a son. That service is motivated by gratitude for the Lord and the fact that we are unconditionally loved. It's a continual heart to serve from a place of abiding and friendship with God. It's the pleasure, the pleasure of his presence is enough as a son or daughter. We don't have to try to do the next thing to try to earn his love or try to earn his favor. His presence is simply enough. We don't have to see a miracle. His presence is enough. Those things will happen, but his presence is enough. As a orphan, we see other people as a means to an end. We want to minister to someone simply to get a cool testimony. We, we value people or friends by how well they're known versus as a son, we see the individual's soul as worth being fully present with and to love in a moment in time.

As an orphan, we believe that we've earned it and we take pride in the applause. As a son, we seek out quiet times to thank God for what we've done. So as a son or daughter, it's important to see ourselves as a son or daughter when we evangelize because when we find that rest of him, we realize that it's not us doing it. We're completely dependent upon him. Jesus was the perfect example of a son. Obviously. He was the son of God and he said, it's not my will be done, but die will. And that's, that's truly what a, what a son or daughter's heart cry is, is that, um, that our fathers will be done. And so that's all we have for this part. We're gonna take a quick break for about 10 minutes or so, and then we'll get into the really like practicalities of okay, what's step one, step two, step three. Like, how do we approach people? Um, what are some things to say? What are some things to ask them to really practical side of, um, sure. Give us a minute.